

Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd

Minute board meeting of 25 March 2009, Substitution Pty Ltd, 1/484 William Street, North Melbourne

Present: Niel Black, David Dinning, Shirley Faram, Tony O'Shea (Chairman) and David Griffiths (Secretary)

Apology: Dianne Batterham who indicated that she should be sufficiently recovered to attend the next meeting.

1. Minutes

That the minutes of the meeting of 21 January 2009 be approved as a true and accurate record.
CARRIED

2. Business arising from the meeting of 19 November 2008

2.1 Co-operative Education

The board discussed the decision of Graeme Charles not to continue his involvement with the Co-operative Identity program.

The board recorded its appreciation of the contribution of Graeme to co-operative education and for bringing the UK Co-operative College to Australia.

It was agreed to write to Graeme expressing this appreciation and the hope that he might subsequently become available to present the workshops and that on the formation of his new co-operative it was hoped that it would seek membership of Co-operatives Victoria and agree to explore opportunities for mutual co-operation with Co-operatives Victoria.

ACTION: Chairperson and Secretary

It was agreed that the co-operative education brochure needed to be revised and reprinted.

ACTION: Secretary

It was noted that an approach was to be made to Murray Goulburn board to adopt the Capricorn Society model of integrating the Co-operative Identity Program throughout the co-operative and that the CEO of Capricorn, Trent Bartlett, was making himself available to meet Murray Goulburn next week. It was agreed that if possible it was desirable for directors to also meet with Trent next week.

ACTION: Tony O'Shea

It was noted that the following Co-operative Identity workshop proposals were being pursued:

Co-operative/Organisation	Follow-up Responsibility
CAV	Tony O'Shea and David Griffiths
CERC	Shirley Faram and David Griffiths
MECU	David Dinning and Tony O'Shea
Murray Goulburn	Tony O'Shea and Niel Black

2.2 Meeting CAV

Tony O'Shea and David Griffiths reported on the second quarterly meeting with CAV on the 5 February 2009, it was noted that issues discussed had included:

Profile information on registered co-operatives
Workshops for CAV staff and cco-operatives funded by CAV
A bogus co-operative
National co-operative legislation

It was noted that the third quarterly meeting was on 26 March 2009.

ACTION: Tony O'Shea

2. 3. Co-operatives Australia

Tony O'Shea and David Griffiths reported on the Co-operatives Australia teleconference meeting on 23 February 2009. It was noted that the minute for the meeting and a redrafted Co-operatives Australia Public Policy and Co-operatives statement had been circulated with the agenda for this meeting.

It was noted that Co-operatives WA was keen for the Top 100 table of co-operatives to be released as soon as possible. It was agreed that the Co-operatives WA position should be supported.

ACTION: Tony O'Shea and David Griffiths

It was noted that the ICA had released a public statement to the G-20 and that Australia was a member of the G-20. It was agreed to seek the support of Co-operatives Australia in releasing the Public Policy and Co-operatives statement and supporting the ICA Statement.

ACTION: Tony O'Shea and David Griffiths

3. Financial Statements

The Treasurer David Dinning presented financial statements for 1 July – 25 March 2009.

That the financial statements for 1 July – 25 March 2009 be adopted,
CARRIED

It was noted that the following co-operatives had not yet renewed their membership:

Westgate Health
Wautharong
RUACH
CDS
Geelong Radio Cabs
Green Valley

The Secretary reported that he had not clarified whether the Community Enterprise Network was still registered.

ACTION: Secretary

It was noted that the \$14,193 received from Jivin Jelly Fish was not in a separate account earning interest because the funds may be required at any moment.

ACTION: Treasurer

4. australia.coop

David Griffiths reported that there had been a significant redesign of australia.coop.

1. Increased prominence for Co-operatives Victoria, co-operative education and co-operative health.
2. Increase the site's use of free open source software. Joomla was chosen. Joomla and Drupal are the two most popular content management platforms used throughout the world. Joomla is more popular than Drupal. Joomla has easy deployment, an intuitive administration user interface, simple editing of content, polished modules for things like calendars and polls, easy addition of modules and a large community of developers. Convert the site to be Accessibility compliant.
3. Developing an option for reassignment of the Home Page from co-operative news and views to Co-operatives Victoria.
4. Developing an option for the site to be hosted by Co-operatives Australia and develop a Co-operatives Australia home page for feedback from members of Co-operatives Australia.
5. The following sub-domain sites have been created:

<http://ca.australia.coop>
<http://education.australia.coop>
<http://victoria.australia.coop>
<http://health.australia.coop>

It was agreed to reassign the Home Page from co-operative news and views to Co-operatives Victoria once the logo had been finalised.

There was a discussion of the logo development and the generous work of Ramsey Margolis. It was suggested that the logo could comprise a map of Victoria with the letters CV inside the map and the words Co-operatives Victoria to the right of the map.

ACTION: Tony O'Shea and David Griffiths

5. Productivity Commission Review of the Contribution of the Not-For-Profit Sector

It was noted that the General Manager of SEHC, Greg Flynn, had advised Co-operatives Victoria of this review.

It was agreed that it would be desirable for Co-operatives Australia to make a submission to the Review.

It was noted that the key dates for the Review were as follows:

- [Terms of reference](#) - received 17 March 2009
- [Circular: New Research Study \(PDF - 55 Kb\)](#)
- released 18 March 2009
- Initial consultations - March 2009
- Issues paper - release March 2009
- Contributions and Measurement Roundtable - April 2009
- Initial submissions - due 29 May 2009
- Policy roundtables - May/June 2009
- Draft report - release early September 2009
- Draft report submissions - due mid October 2009
- Roundtables for draft report - October/November 2009
- Final report to Government - December 2009

ACTION: Tony O'Shea and David Griffiths

6. Meeting Schedule

Future meetings schedule:

29 April 2009
15 July 2009
26 August 2009
18 November 2009

AGM: 18 November 2009.

Next Meeting: 10: 30. am, 29 April 2009, Substitution Pty Ltd, 1/484 William Street, North Melbourne

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